

Bribery case resumes tomorrow

Trial Act 2: 'The tapes'

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Former police Capt. Frederick A. Soule Sr. returns to the witness stand tomorrow as the pinball bribery trial of Dist. Atty. Jim Garrison and two pinball dealers resumes.

The high point of tomorrow's court may be the playing of the controversial Pershing O. Gervais tapes. Court will open at 10 a.m.

The government is expected to introduce and play tapes which Soule testified contain his voice. The tapes, reportedly containing conversations between Gervais and Soule, were gathered by Gervais in his capacity as a government undercover agent.

"This is my voice," Soule told the court Friday when he was shown the tapes. "I recall my voice. I recall the conversation I had with Pershing Gervais."

GARRISON AND pinball dealers Robert Nims and John Aruns Callery are on trial for conspiracy to obstruct law enforcement by giving and taking bribes to head off vice squad arrests for pinball gambling.

The trial will go into its second week in the court of U.S. Dist. Judge Herbert W. Christenberry.

Soule was charged along with nine others in the case, but he and two pinball dealers pleaded guilty. He was given immunity for prosecution and testified as a government witness. Four persons were given separate trials in the case.

Soule provided the trial its biggest development Friday when he turned over to the court \$63,000 in cash he said he obtained illegally from 1962 to 1971. He said \$50,000 of the money was

for bribery and he was afraid to spend it.

The money was hidden in a pickle jar in the back yard of his Gentilly home at one time, he testified.

Soule, a former investigator for Garrison and a former vice squad commander, said defendants Callery and Nims and others paid him the money for tips on vice squad activity.

He also testified that Gervais once told him that the "man at the top" in the district attorney's office was getting a cut of the bribe money. Judge Christenberry, however, instructed the jury not to consider the statement as evidence. The defense objected to the statement on the grounds it was hearsay.

Garrison Trial Set on Tuesday

The pinball bribery trial of New Orleans Dist. Atty. Jim Garrison will reconvene Tuesday at 10 a.m. when former police Capt. Frederick A. Soule Sr. will return to the witness stand.

Due to an operation scheduled for a member of a juror's family, the trial was set back to Tuesday.

Garrison and pinball dealers Robert Nims and John Aruns Callery on trial for conspiracy to obstruct law enforcement by giving and taking bribes to thwart vice squad arrests for pinball gambling.